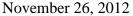
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION





COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Dwight Collins, Bobbie Estrada, ArLyne Diamond,

Frank Kadlecek, Alice Pivacek, Chuck Roberts

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Donna Marencia

STAFF PRESENT: Renee Furtado, Therapeutic Services Supervisor

Phil Orr, Recreation Supervisor-Senior Center Morgan Pershing, Reference Librarian II James Teixeira, Parks & Recreation Director

GUESTS: Jolene Bradford, Wanda Buck

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION – None

I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chair Collins.

- II. ROLL CALL Commissioner Marencia Excused
- III. <u>MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2012 MEETING</u> Minutes were approved as written.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE MEETING AGENDA Approved
- V. <u>CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS</u> Supervisor Orr reminded the Commission that they had been mailed an invitation to an outgoing Council member dinner and that they had received a letter from Mayor Matthews and City Council regarding the dissolution of the RDA.

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

- A. <u>Chair's Report:</u> Commissioner Collins offered several pieces of information, including:
 - 1. Discussed Mayor Matthews letter regarding the funding issues created by the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency by the State of California and suggested people listen to the Mayor's Youtube video.
 - 2. Reported that AARP notified seniors (and others) that Social Security cuts are on the table.
 - 3. Provided the Commission with handouts from Congress of California Seniors, and mentioned some specific portions of the handout. He provided links to the videos on the handouts and suggested visiting the websites and viewing the videos.

- 4. Mentioned that there is a document available from PBS called "Protecting Elders from Financial Abuse".
- 5. Provided a report from the California Senior Legislature regarding the top ten issues they voted to bring to the legislature.
- B. Council on Aging Advisory Council and California Senior Legislature: No report
- C. <u>Senior Center Needs/Transportation</u>: No report
- D. <u>Volunteers/Communication</u>: Commissioner Kadlecek offered that the Veteran's Day Ceremony in Santa Clara's Central Park was both well advertised and well attended. He said that Fitness Room volunteers are needed and made several suggestions, leading to a discussion by the Commissioners and Staff. Phil Orr advises that staff are actively recruiting and training volunteers.
- E. <u>Organizations Serving Santa Clara Seniors</u>: No report
- F. <u>Nutrition/Dining</u>: Commissioner Roberts reported that 1,539 meals were served, 147 people were turned away, \$1,417.00 was collected and the Senior Center provided 112 Outreach rides. The same seniors use these rides over and over again.
- G. <u>Seniors and the Arts in Santa Clara</u>: Commissioner Diamond stated that the Santa Clara Arts Foundation is working with the Santa Clara Ballet and will provide discount seating to seniors for one of the matinee performances of this year's Nutcracker Ballet. Details are being worked out.
- H. Healthy Seniors:

No report

VII: Staff Reports –

- A: Reference Librarian Pershing reported:
 - 1. What you Need to Know about Medicare is being presented November 27 at 2:30 PM at Central Park Library.
 - 2. Origins of Silicon Valley, our Heritage and Future is being offered January 15 at Central Park Library.
 - 3. Santa Clara Home Tour being offered December 7 and 8.
 - 4. Library staff are planning programs and picking books for next year
- B: Recreation Supervisor Orr reported:
 - 1. The movie "Hocus Pocus" was shown on October 31st to 12 people.
 - 2. There were 150 seniors served dinner last Tuesday, although the Senior Center only has a budget for 90 meals. The extra people were

- fed thanks to a generous contribution by a local family. This couple also pledged \$500.00 towards Christmas dinner.
- 3. Santa Clara City Holiday Tree Lighting will be held at the Civic Center Plaza on December 7th at 6:00 PM and the public is welcome.
- 4. The Santa Clara Women's League will fund 60 holiday meals to be provided to Santa Clara seniors on December 13th.

VIII. Old Business:

None

IX: New Business:

A. Leadership Santa Clara 2013

Two Commissioners applied to participate and the Commission was asked to set criteria for selection of one of the two and also to create a set of criteria that could be used in the future. Commissioner Kadlecek suggested we ask the City to fund both Commissioners since the Senior Advisory Commission had not sent a representative to the Leadership Santa Clara in at least five years. Staff agreed to look into this possibility. Commissioner Pivacek suggested and Commissioner Diamond concurred that we should set some criteria. Chair Collins suggested that we merely take a secret ballot and pick a winner. The rest of the Commissioners deferred to this suggestion; a motion was made to vote and was passed with only Commissioner Diamond in opposition. The secret ballot was taken and Commissioner Estrada was selected to participate.

X: Public Presentations:

None

XI: Conference and Travel AB1234:

None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2013 at 10:00 AM at the Santa Clara Senior Center, Room 232.

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